



Site Name: Glanlough Woods SAC

Site Code: 002315

Glanlough Woods is situated 4 km south of Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry. The site consists of a two storey, derelict, stone farmhouse and its adjacent out-buildings. It contains an important maternity roost of the Lesser Horseshoe Bat.

The site is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) selected for the following habitats and/or species listed on Annex I / II of the E.U. Habitats Directive (* = priority; numbers in brackets are Natura 2000 codes):

[1303] Lesser Horseshoe Bat (<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>)

At Glanlough Woods SAC the bats roost in the ceiling and roof apex of the old farmhouse. Approximately 150 bats were counted using this breeding site in July 2000, making it a site of international importance.

Adjacent habitat includes deciduous woodland which provides suitable foraging areas for the bats. However, the exact feeding areas and the winter roost of this population remain unknown.

The building used by the bats is in a state of disrepair - the floors have collapsed and slates are missing from part of the roof. However, careful renovation could improve the conservation status of the bat population here and in general the conservation potential of the site is good.